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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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23/04/2009: Phil, F5LTB will soon be active from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, as A65BK. He has just received his license and is in the process of setting up his station. Length of stay was not mentioned. Phil will be mainly QRV using SSB. QSL Direct ONLY via SM5DJZ. eQSLs are welcome for eDX100, eWAS and eZ40. [F5NQL]

24/04/2009: Kasimir, DL2SBY, will be active from Liechtenstein between April 24th and May 4th. Activity will be on HF bands (80-10m) using CW, SSB and RTTY. Equipment will be a TS2000, FT900AT, Ameritron AL811, HF9V vertical and a monoband vertical for 30/40m. Activity will also take place on 13cm and 23cm using EME. Equipment will be a FT726R, Dish 3, 7m, and 2 amplifier for both bands. Kasmir will use two separate callsigns for this operation. For the HF bands, he will use HB0/DL2SBY and for the EME activity will sign HB0/DF1SR. QSL via DL2SBY, by the Bureau or direct.

24/04/2009: Ezio/IT9OJW, Sebastiano/IT9ZIR, Dario/IT9ZZO, Vincenzo/IW9EJP, Filippo/IW9FRB, Giovanna/IW9GVP and Ferdinando/IW9HSK will be active April 24-26th as IG9/homecall from Linosa Island (AF-019, IIA AG-003, MIA MI-128, WLOTA 0820). They plan to operate SSB, PSK and RTTY on 10-80 meters. QSL via home calls. They have a web page at www.iw9frb.it/linosa.htm [425 DX News]

24/04/2009: Jim, MM0BQI will be active as homecall/p from Lunga Island in the Treshnish Isles (EU-108, IOSA NH17, SCOTIA DI09) April 24-27th. Look for activity on or near the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

25/04/2009: Andy/IZ0EHO and Vincenzo/IZ0FKE will activate Vulcano Island (EU-017, IIA ME-018, MIA MI-122, WLOTA 1001) using the callsign ID9N from April 25-30th. QRV 160-6m, with a focus on the low bands, using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via the information at QRZ.com under ID9N. Further information can be found at www.id9n.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

25/04/2009: Railway stations award activity by the Radio Club Quilmes - LU4DQ, from the Gomez station DEF 134 D (35?4'4"S 58?10'0"W). In the 60th anniversary of the RC Quilmes, activity program, the RC (LU4DQ), will be aired on April 25th. This station is on the Gral Roca Railway company and formerly joined until the 80's, the cities La Plata and de Mar del Plata. Activity valid for the Railway stations award "Diploma Estaciones Ferroviarias". Reference: DEF 134 D. QRV HF bands, using SSB and CW, and VHF through local repeaters and on 145.390 Mhz. QSL: SAE + $ 1, to Radio Club Quilmes, Casilla de Correo N? 6, C.P. 1878, Quilmes, Pica. De Buenos Aires. [F5NQL]

25/04/2009: The Sosnovy Bor (RN1CW, UA1CBW, UA1CIO) and Kronshtadt (UA1AIR) ham team, RZ1CWC will be active April 25th from the Mys (Cape)

Shepelevsky lighhouse (ARLHS ERU 007, RLHA RLE-007, Admiralty C 4004, RDA LO-30, WW Loc. KO49NX) as RK1A/P on 20/40 meters. QSL via RN1CW, direct or Bureau. Further information can be found at: www.rz1cwc.qrz.ru/ [RN1CW]

26/04/2009: Jirka, OK2SJI/p will be active April 26th from Castle Chrast (CCA PA-005, WW Loc.JN79XW). QRV on 80m and 40m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [RN1CW]

27/04/2009: Kevan/2E0WMG (ISWL G-21098), Matt/2E0XIS, James/M0ZZO and Mark/M0MJH will be active from the Isle of Man (EU-116, WLOTA 2008) from 27th April 2009. There will be 4 full days of operation on most bands from 160m to 2m. Activity will be from various locations each day. Matt and James are keen SOTA enthusiasts and will be activating all five IOM SOTA Summits over two days on the 27th and 28th. They may be accompanied by Mark or Kevan on some or all of these summits. Kevan and Mark will be taking the lead on HF operating from Point of Ayre, at the northern tip of the Island on the 29th where they plan to be active near the IOTA frequency of 14.160 MHz. When active on 80m they will normally be found around the ISWL net frequency of 3.685 MHz. Operation on 40m will be 'wherever we can find a space' so is a bit more hit and miss. Kevan hopes to call in to the ISWL net on the Tuesday 28th. Of particular interest to monitor point chasers will be a chance to work affiliated Club Colchester Radio Amateurs (G-1118) with GT3CO, they will switch to this call if requested by ISWL members as long as a full licensee is present. They also hope to be active on top band but can not say when at this point. League members are welcome to drop an email to Kevan to arrange a sked (email correct on QRZ.com). It should be noted however that as all operation will be out in the open the weather and various other factors may hamper their ability to keep to skeds but they will do their best. The team will be firming up operating arrangements on the ferry and Kevan will update his 2D0WMG QRZ.com page upon arrival at the hotel. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

27/04/2009: Juergen, DL1IAI/p will be active from Borkum Island (EU-047, N-001 for the German Islands Award, WLOTA 1022) between April 27th and May 18th. He will also try to activate the club station DL0BRF on the lightvessel Borkumriff (ARLHS FED 002) in SSB and maybe also PSK31/RTTY on 80m-2m during this time. Please QSL ONLY via Bureau. Please check also: www.dl1iai.de/ [DX Newsletter]

27/04/2009: Helmut, DL7VOX will be active as DL7VOX/p from Usedom Island (EU-129, O-13 for the German Islands Award, WLOTA 1640) from April 27th to May 16th. He will operate holiday style mainly CW on 160-10 meters, with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via DL7VOX, direct or Bureau. [425 DX News]

27/04/2009: Jean-Loup, F8DYR/p will spend a holiday week in IN77tt square, near the Eckm?hl lighthouse (ARLHS FRA 256) in south Brittany, from April 27th to May 2nd. He plans to be active on 6 and 2 meters, with a low power portable station, between 0600 and 0800 UTC every morning and maybe more. Tropo contacts with north of Spain and south of England should be possible in case of good propagation conditions. [DL8EBW]

28/04/2009: Look for Orrin, TI6/K9KEJ (QSL via EB7DX) and Don, TI6/W9YOR to be active April 28th to May 1st on 40, 20 and 17 meter SSB from Costa Rica. [425 DX News]

29/04/2009: Cliff, SV1JG, will be active from the Maldive Islands (AS-013) as 8Q7SV between April 29th and May 5th. Activity will be mostly CW and digital modes on all bands. QSL via SV1JG, direct or by the Bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/04/2009: Claudio, IZ0KRC will be active as IC8/IZ0KRC from Ischia Island (EU-031, IIA NA-001, MIA MI-042, WLOTA 0689) from April 29th to May 4th. He plans to operate SSB on 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters. QSL via home call, Bureau preferred. [425 DX News]

29/04/2009: Koji, JI1LET will be active as JI1LET/JD1 from Chichi-jima [Father Island] (AS-031, JIIA AS-031-003, Grid QL17), Ogasawara Islands from April 29th to May 5th. He plans to operate SSB/CW/RTTY on 40-10 meters, and on 6 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

29/04/2009: Look for JD1BLK (QSL via JM1LJS), JD1BMH (QSL via JG7PSJ), JD1BMT (QSL via JE4SMQ) and JD1BLY (QSL via JI5RPT) to be active from Chichi-jima (AS-031, JIIA AS-031-003), Ogasawara from April 29th to May 12th. They plan to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 meters, plus satellite. Logsearches and further information will be available on their individual websites: radio-dream.com/jd1blk/e/ (JD1BLK); sapphire.ganko.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ (JD1BMH); and www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ (JD1BLY). [425 DX News]

29/04/2009: The Teresina DX Group is preparing a DXpedition to the Canarias Islands (IOTA 072, DIB MA-05, DFB MA-11, WW Loc. GI97BF), on the coast of Piaui, Brazil, from 1600 UTC April 29th to May 3rd. QRV 160 to 10 meters (SSB, CW, PSK31 and RTTY), including 6 meters, 144 MHz (SSB and FM). They also plan the following satellite activity (SSB/FM): AO-7 (A and B), FO-29, AO-51, VO-52, SO-50 and the ISS in repeater mode if active. Team members include PS8BBC, PS8DX, PS8ET, PS8FSM, PS8HF, PS8JN, PS8NF, PS8PY, PS8RF and PS8TV. QSL via PS8DX (QRZ.com). [PS7AB]

30/04/2009: Belgian team of five "well prepared and trained Dxpeditioners" will attempt a landing on Rockall Island (EU-189) between April 30th and May 1st. Depending on the weather and sea conditions, they will be on the air with two stations using the callsign MM0RAI/p for about 48 hours. Operators are: Theo/ON4ATW, Patrick/ON4HIL, Luc/ON4IA, Karel/ON5TN and Marc/ON6CC. QRV 80-10m CW and SSB. QSL via ON4BR, direct or Bureau. Please check their Web site for latest news and last minute updates at: www.rockall.be/ [NG3K]

30/04/2009: CY0 Simulation Test - Murray/WA4DAN, Ron/AA4VK, and Randy/N0TG will operate from Core Banks (IOTA NA-067, USi NC003S, WLOTA 0596, Pamlico County), on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, on an island that is similar in environment (terrain, sand, sea, remoteness, etc.) to Sable Island, during the period 2300z on April 30th through 1500z on May 2nd. The purpose of the operation will be a "test" of potential antennas for use at CY0. Testing of antenna layout will be conducted to assess inter-station interference and the ability to operate two stations on the same band. Seven (7) antennas will be included in the test. DX'ers from the US and other countries are welcome to call in and participate in the CY0 simulation "test". Test frequencies and modes of operation will be posted on our website (www.cy0dxpedition.com/), prior to the operation. [K1XN & the Golist]

01/05/2009: Jan, OK2ZAW will be on a holiday DXpedition in May and will be active as 3D2ZW. He plans to activate a few IOTA using his IC-706

(w/100 watts) into a vertical and dipole antennas. His schedule is as follows: May 1st - Nadi, Viti Levu Group (OC-016), callsign 3D2ZW/p; May 2-4th - Bounty Island, Mamanuca Group (OC-121), callsign 3D2ZW/p; May 4-8th - Manta Ray, Yasawa Group (OC-156); May 6-8th - Botaira Beach Res., Yasawa Group (OC-156), May 8th - Nadi, Viti Levu Group (OC-016). QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

01/05/2009: Richard, PA0RRS will be moving permanently to Malaysia on May 1st. He will be active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS-015, WLOTA 2743) initially only on 20 meters with a dipole. He prefers CW, with SSB on request. QSL via 9M2MRS, either direct (Richard Smeets, Reef Apartment Building, 54-7-12 Jalan Low Yat, 11100 Batu Ferringhi, Penang Island, Malaysia) or through the Bureau. 'Via PA0RRS' is still possibile, but you should be patient, as Richard will be back to the The Netherlands only for a limited time each year. [425 DX News]

01/05/2009: Johann, F4FEP will be active 1 to 3 days in the month of May depending weather and boat (start of season) from Saint-Nicolas Island (EU-094, DIFM AT-010) as F4FEP/p. He will be QRV May 1st (1400-1700 UTC) and May 19th (1000-1700 UTC). QRV 14.260 (+/-) depending on QRM, using ICOM-706 100Watts, battery and G5RV antenna. His location will be on the Saint-Nicolas beach, Department Finistere/29 and Province Brittany (DPF 06). QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

01/05/2009: HB9SVT will be active May 1-2nd from the Romanshorn lighthouse (ARLHS SWI-00), Lake Constance, Thurgau canton, signing HB9SVT/p. QRV daily from 0700-1700 UTC using CW and SSB, on 80, 40 and 20 meters. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [K2JXW & ARLHS]

01/05/2009: Frank, K1MAA will activate the Stonington Harbor lighthouse (ARLHS USA 813, WW Loc. FN41BH, New London county), Connecticut, on May 1st (1200z to 1700z). Activity will be on 20 meter SSB only. QSL via home call, direct preferred or via the W1 Bureau. [K1MAA]

01/05/2009: The Radio Club Grupo DX Bah?a Blanca will be QRV on May 1st to 3rd as L21D from Isla Ariadna (SA-021), located 70 Km. South of Ingeniero White harbour, (39? 15' Lat. S - 62? 01' Long. W), in the Natural reserve of Bah?a Blanca, Tiburones Province, Argentina. Activity will be from 80-10m with 3 stations active at the same time. One station on SSB, another on CW and the other on PSK31. QSL via the operator's instructions. [F5NQL]

01/05/2009: Paolo, I2AE will be active as OZ/I2AE/p from some IOTA, Danish islands and will also activate many lighthouses between May 1st and 15th. QRV 7.050-7.060 and 14.250-14.260 MHz SSB. Paolo plans to activate the following - Als Island (Not IOTA, DIA JY-001) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-019); Kalvo Island (Not IOTA, DIA JY-014); Roemoe Island (EU-125, DIA NS-001) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-074); Mandoe Island (EU-125, DIA NS-003); Jegindoe Island (EU-171, DIA NJ-006); Nordjylland (EU-171, DIA NJ-001) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-022); Ageroe Island (EU-171, DIA NJ-018); from Mors Island (EU-171, DIA NJ-002) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-064); Alroe Island (Not IOTA, DIA JY-010); Fyn Island (EU-172, DIA FY-001) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-227); Toroe Island (EU-172, DIA FY-007); Helnaes Island (EU-172, DIA FY-024) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-015); Thuroe Island (EU-172, DIA FY-016) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-221); Taasinge Island (EU-172, DIA FY-015) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-162); Sioe Island (EU-172, DIA FY-021) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-218); Langeland Island (EU-172, DIA FY-019) and lighthouse (ARLHS

DEN-164, WLOTA 0590); Fyn Island (EU-172, DIA FY-001) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-020); Sprogoe Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-009) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-062); Sjaelland Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-001) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-032); Glaenoe Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-013); Enoe Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-028); Gavnoe Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-027); Sjaelland Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-001) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-122); Masnedoe Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-033); Falster Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-016) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-135); Bogoe Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-023) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-138); Moen Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-017) and lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-142); Langoe Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-030); Nyord Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-026); Falster Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-016) and lighthouse(ARLHS DEN-136); Lolland Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-015) and lighthouse(ARLHS DEN-183). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [I2AE]

01/05/2009: The Rio DX Group, in partnership with the Labre-Rio de Janeiro, will be activating Ilha Rasa [the Flat Island] (SA-079, DIB RJ-07, WW Loc. GG86KW) and lighthouse (DFB RJ-10, ARLHS BRA-047, WLH PY-048, WLOTA 0494) between May 1st and 4th, using the callsign PT1R. QRV The bands of 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands, using SSB, CW and digital modes with two simultaneous stations. They will also be QRV 6m and 2m, using SSB, CW and FM, for operation in the Arauc?ria VHF Contest (May 2-3rd). There will be 4 dedicated stations - HF, HF + 50MHz, 50MHz and 144MHz. Team members will be Marivaldo Salles/PY1IBM, Marcelo/PY1KN, Felipe/PY1NB, Ivan/PY1YB, Fabio/PY1ZV, Rafa/PY2NDX, Waldir/PY2WC, J Marcio/PY4OG and Carlos/PY4OY. QSL via PY1NB, direct (Felipe Ceglia, Estrada Nova, 220, Teres?polis-RJ 25970-580, Brazil) or by the Bureau. Further information at: riodxgroup.dxwatch.com/rasa-portugues [PS7AB]

01/05/2009: Ray/G3KOJ with XYL Penny will be on holiday in Perth, Western Australia, for the entire month of May. Ray has applied and got the callsign VK6XRM. The XRM part of the call is Ex-Royal Marines as he retired from the Royal Marines Commando way back in 1975 after 22 years and 9 months service. Ray will be operating from the QTH of Alan VK6PG, located in Noranda, and meeting all the RSARS boys out there in VK6 land for BBQ's. Penny and Ray will be travelling around WA with Colin and Carol VK6BQ who will take an HF rig and wire antenna so we may get on from some strange places. QSL via home call, direct or RNARS or RSARS or RSGB Bureaus. [G3KOJ]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

02/05/2009: The Team TM5OTA is going on a SOTA Tour again for International SOTA weekend ... May 2nd, 0700 UTC TM5OTA on F/AB-379, Le Moucherotte, 1901m asl, WW loc. JN25TD. Team members include Laurent/F0FNC, Julien/F0FVC, Jean-Fran?ois/F0FYF, Christophe/F4ABK, Cyril/F4FUL and Philippe/F5RHY. QRV 7-ssb/cw, 14-ssb/cw, 50-ssb, 144 and 430-ssb/fm. See: tm5ota.fr/ . Find more details at The SOTA Alert Page: www.sotawatch.org/alerts.php [F5NQL]

03/05/2009: The Amateur Radio Club UBA-LGE, Liege (ON5VL) will activate the Castle of Harze (BCA LG-076) as ON5VL/p on May 3th (0800-1200 UTC), 80 and 40 meters. QSL via the Bureau to ON5VL, or direct to ON5PO. [RN1CW]

04/05/2009: Rustam/UU2JQ, Eugene/UU5DX and Serge/UU5WW will operate special event station EO64JM from May 4th to May 10th, 2009. The operation will commemorate the 64th anniversary of victory in the Great

Patriotic war. QSL via K2PF. [K1XN & the Golist]

16/05/2009: Hermann, DL2NUD (5H1HP) and Joachim, DL9MS (5H1MS) are preparing an 144 MHz Expedition to Tanzania (5H) from May 16th to June 7th. Both will try to activate the Squares KI93RU and KI94RA during the 2 week trip. Joachim reports that their first goal will be 144 MHz EME and maybe some MS (pse write to Joachim in advance if you wants to have a sked) and as well some HF and 50 MHz work. The planned RIG/QRGs - 50 MHz: 3el / 300W / NO EME; 144MHz: 24el XP / BEKO PA with EME Power; EMEQRG: 144.144 MHz (if QRM .120 MHz), 5H tx 1st. The group will try to transfer updates and again a log to MMMonVHF. More details will be spread closer to the trip. [MMMonVHF]

22/05/2009: Between May 22nd and June 11th, Claude (Jim) F5MCC will be vacationing in Corsica, main island (EU-014, DIFM TK-001, MIA MCO-001, WLOTA 1390). He will sign TK/HC or TK/HC/p, alone or along with Tony/TK5XN. He intends to be active from some lighthouses counting for the French Onshore Lighthouses Award (DPLF) and especially the following: PB 074, 168, 167, 291, 287 and 292. Weather permitting he will try also to reach and traffic from PB 170, 171. A very difficult lighthouse to reach is the PB 289. Another activation from EU-164, DIFM TK-011, MIA MCO-007, PB 175 / WLOTA 0755 Lavezzi islands is scheduled, date TBA (boat renting permitting). On May 23rd and 30th Claude will be active along with Denys/TK5JU from some Mills or Genovese Towers, not choosen yet. QRV HF 80-10m using CW and SSB. QSL TK/F5MCC via F5MCC, QSL TK5XN via F2YT, QSL TK5JU via himself. [F5NQL]

30/05/2009: Luis/EA8AY Manuel/EA8NC Pedro/EA8QP and Juan/EA8TT will be active from Santa Cruz, Tenerife (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276), Canary Islands (AF-004) as AN8R during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via EA8AY. [NG3K]

30/05/2009: Jimmy, K5OP will be qualifying and activating a new island in the USi Awards Program. Be looking for K5OP/P on-air during the last weekend in May from Singing River Island (USi MS010, Jackson County), Mississippi. The station will be an Icom IC-7000 (100 watts) with the Heil Proset, using a Buddipole Deluxe for 20/40 meters, and a Wire Dipole for 80 meters. QRV SSB and PSK31. Jimmy will also be providing a special two-sided full color QSL card, and will honor LOTW and eQSL requests. For more nformation and updates see www.qrz.com/db/K5OP [USi]

05/06/2009: Czech Polar DXpedition to Svalbard, June 5-15th. Operators Jan/OK1JK, Jiri/OK1JST, Pavel/OK1IPS and Jiri/OK1IEC will sign JW/homecall between June 5-15th from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WLOTA 0125). QRV all HF bands, using CW, RTTY, PSK and SSB. QSL via home calls. Further information can be found on their website at: jan.kepic.cz/view.php?cisloclanku=2009030003 [rsgbiota.org]

23/07/2009: Gabi/DF9TM, Frank/DL2SWW and Ric/DL2VFR will be active from R?m? Island (EU-125, NS-001 for the Danish Islands Award) as OZ0FR from July 23-26th, including the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). They will be using high power in CW and SSB into a Yagi-Antenna for 20-10 meters, a SteppIR-vertical (BigIR) for 40-10 meters and Dipoles for 80 and 40 meters. This activity also counts for the Vadehavet National Park (WFF reference OZFF-004, for the World Flora & Fauna Award). QSL via DL2VFR (also via DL Bureau, do not send QSLs via OZ Bureau). More details later on www.iota-expedition.de/ [DL2VFR]

29/07/2009: Dave, W9CGI will be active from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA 1042) between July 29th and August 10th. QRV mainly 12m/17m PSK31 and SSB, using under 50W to vertical. QSL via home call, eQSL preferred; direct w/SASE or via the Bureau. Sorry no LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

19/10/2009: Randy/N0TG, Murray/WA4DAN and Ron/AA4VK will be active from Sable Island (NA-063, CIsA NS-004, WLOTA 0758) as homecall/CY0 from October 19-26th. The CY0 Team has adjusted the date of arrival on Sable Island to enable the Team to provide CY0 to contesters during the CQWW Phone contest weekend from October 24-25. They plan to be QRV 160-10 meter CW, SSB and RTTY. At times there will be two stations on SSB and one on CW. At other times there will be two stations on CW and one on SSB. They plan to install three Butternut vertical antennas as well as a strategically placed yagi antenna. QSL all calls via N0TG. Further information and updates will be available on their Web site at: www.cy0dxpedition.com/ [NG3K]

24/10/2009: Seb, F8IJV will be active as 6V7Q from Le Calao, Somone, Senegal, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). Not yet choosen the category for the contest. Possible activity before and after the contest. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

23/04/2009: Special event station 8J1AXA is currently active until March 31, 2010 for the Project KDES 2008 - 2nd Year (JAXA: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency KDES: Katsuura Dish Experimental Station), Honshu Island (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376). QSL EME QSOs via JH6RTO, non-EME QSOs via Auto Bureau or JO1LDY/1 direct (see QRZ.com). [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

23/04/2009: Special event station 8J1M is currently atice until July 12th to celebrate Maebashi-city's upgrade to a Core City. This opration also counts for Honshu Island (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376). QSLs will automatically be sent via the Bureau to all contacts made. There is no need to send your QSL. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

23/04/2009: Special event stations 8N3KH (Fixed) and 8N3HAM (Mobile) are currently active until July 19th to celebrate the 14th Kansai Amateur Radio Festival 2009. This opration also counts for Honshu sland (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376). QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

25/04/2009: Bob, VK0BP will be active from Davis Base (WABA VK-03, WAP AUS-03, IOTA AN-016), Antarctica, using the special callsign AX0BP on April 25th to celebrate ANZAC Day. He is able to use this callsign from midnight 'til midnight local time (Davis is UTC +7). Bob will not be operating for the full 24 hours, but will do his very best to operate as long as possible that day. As an Australian operator they can use the AX prefix just 3 times per year, Australia Day which he has already done, ANZAC Day coming up in a couple of weeks, and then the last opportunity for Bob to use the AX0BP callsign whilst he is down there will be on World Telecommunications Day (17th May) - at this stage he hopes to use it again then too. QSL via VK2CA direct only - 2US and SAE preferred. [VK0BP]

25/04/2009: Saturday, April 25th marks the 135th anniversary of the birth of Marconi. To mark the occasion the Cornish Radio Amateur Club

will be holding its 22nd annual International Marconi Day event and many stations with historic connections with Marconi will be active on that date. This is not a contest but several classes of awards are available for making QSOs with the special Award Stations. There are also SWL awards to be claimed. Ireland's Howth Martello Radio Group EI0MAR is an Award Station and will be QRV during the event from the vintage radio museum in Howth. This is a twenty-four hour event but EI0MAR will concentrate activities from 9am until 5pm local time, and visitors will be welcome during those hours. To coincide with the special event, the North Dublin Radio Club will hold its weekly meeting at the same QTH from 8pm the same evening. EI0MAR's web site is www.ei0mar.org/. For more information about the event including a listing of award stations visit www.gb4imd.org.uk/. [Southgate ARC]

25/04/2009: Organized by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, G4CRC/GB4IMD, the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874). It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. This year's event will be held on April 25th, from 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC. Details, including information on the relevant Award Certificates and the listing of participating stations, can be found at: www.gb4imd.org.uk/ [425 DX News]

25/04/2009: Special event callsign GB8GM will be aired April 25th for International Marconi Day (IMD) from the Marconi transmitter site at Borough Hill, Daventry, Northamptonshire (CASHOTA G059, WAB SP56, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841, WW Loc. IO92KG). QRV all bands/modes from 0600 - 2359 UTC. QSL direct only to M0DOL. This operation is also in memory of Trevor, M3PNQ who passed away March 30, 2009. [M0DOL]

25/04/2009: The Asociation de Radioaficionados de Venezuela will participate in the International Marconi Day (April 25th) as 4M5M. Look for activity on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via W4SO (mail drop). [425 DX News]

26/04/2009: Special event stations 8J4P will be aired April 26th to June 30th to celebrate World QRP Day, in Area 4 (Chugoku-District), Japan. Also joining in the celebraion will be 8J1P and 8J6P. Expect activity on all bands/modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

29/04/2009: Look for special event station 8J6DON to be active from April 29th to May 5th to celebrate the Hakata "Dontaku" Port Festival, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Kyushu (AS-077, JIIA AS-077-001), Japan. (The word Dontaku comes from the Dutch word Zontag, meaning holiday.) Expect activity on all bands/modes. QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2009: ARI Radio Club, Section of Erba, will air special event callsign II2ERBA between May 1st and 24th to celebrate their 20th Anniversay. QRV all HF bands, using SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via IQ2ER, Bureau preferred - No eQSL. [IW1DQS]

01/05/2009: Special event station 8J1ITU will be aired May 1-31st to celebrate the 41st ITU Day. This activity counts for Honshu island (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376). QSL direct (QRZ.com) or via JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2009: Special event station 8J6SL will be active on all bands/modes from the Kumamoto Museum between May 1st and October 31st to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Hisatsu (Railroad) Line - Steam Locomotive Operation, Honshu island (AS-077, JIIA AS-077-001), Japan. Possibly 5 stations will be on the air. QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2009: Special event station 8N8BOY will be active May 1-6th to celebrate Activating Amateur Radio among Our Juniors 2009. This activity counts for Hokkaido Island (AS-078, JIIA AS-078-001, WLOTA 2967). QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2009: Adriaan, PE2KP (previous callsign PE1KHP, www.pe2kp.nl/) will be active on all bands and modes as PE25KP from May 1-12th to celebrate his Silver Jubilee with amateur radio. QSL via Bureau to PE2KP. [425 DX News]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

24/04-26/04 IG9/IT9OJW: Isola Linosa WLOTA:0820 QSL HC (d/b)
24/04-26/04 IG9/IT9ZIR: Isola Linosa WLOTA:0820 QSL HC (d/b)
24/04-26/04 IG9/IT9ZZO: Isola Linosa WLOTA:0820 QSL HC (d/b)
24/04-26/04 IG9/IW9EJP: Isola Linosa WLOTA:0820 QSL HC (d/b)
24/04-26/04 IG9/IW9FRB: Isola Linosa WLOTA:0820 QSL HC (d/b)
24/04-26/04 IG9/IW9GVP: Isola Linosa WLOTA:0820 QSL HC (d/b)
24/04-26/04 IG9/IW9HSK: Isola Linosa WLOTA:0820 QSL HC (d/b)
25/04 GB8GM: England (Main Island) WLOTA:1841 QSL M0DOL (d)
25/04-30/04 ID9N: Isola Vulcano WLOTA:1001 QSL QRZ.com
25/04 RK1A/P: Shepelevskiy WLOL:ERU-007, RLHA:RLE-007
QSL RN1CW (d/b)
26/04-30/06 8J1P: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
26/04-30/06 8J4P: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
27/04-01/05 2D0WMG: Man Island WLOTA:2008 QSL 2E0WMG (d/b)
27/04-01/05 2D0XIS: Man Island WLOTA:2008 QSL 2E0XIS (d/b)
27/04-18/02 DL0BRF: LV Borkumriff WLOL:FED-002 QSL QRZ.com
27/04-18/02 DL1IAI/P: Borkum Island WLOTA:1022 QSL HC (b)
27/04-16/05 DL7VOX/P: Usedom Island WLOTA:1640 QSL HC (d/b)
27/04-02/05 F8DYR/P: Eckm?hl WLOL:FRA-256 6m/2m QSL HC (d/b)
27/04-01/05 GT3CO: Man Island WLOTA:2008 QSL RSGB Buro
27/04-01/05 GT7SRA: Man Island WLOTA:2008 QSL RSGB Buro
27/04-01/05 MD0MJH: Man Island WLOTA:2008 QSL M0MJH (d/b)
27/04-01/05 MD0ZZO: Man Island WLOTA:2008 QSL M0ZZO (d/b)
29/04-04/05 IC8/IZ0KRC: Isola d'Ischia WLOTA:0689 QSL HC (b)
30/04-01/05 AA4VK/P: Core Banks WLOTA:0596 QSL HC (d/b)
30/04-01/05 N0TG/4: Core Banks WLOTA:0596 QSL HC (d/b)
30/04-01/05 WA4DAN/P: Core Banks WLOTA:0596 QSL HC (d/b)
01/05-31/05 8J1ITU: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Bureau
01/05-06/05 8N8BOY: Hokkaido WLOTA:2967 QSL JARL Bureau
01/05-31/12? 9M2MRS: Pulau Penang WLOTA:2743 QSL 9M2MRS (d/b)
01/05-15/05 K1MAA/P: Stonington Harbor WLOL:USA-813 QSL HC (d/b)
01/05-15/05 OZ/I2AE/P: Danish Lighthouse Tour QSL HC (d/b)
01/05-04/05 PT1R: Ilha Rasa DFB:RJ-10, WLH:PY-048, WLOL:BRA-047,
WLOTA:0494 QSL PY1NB (d/b)
01/05-31/05 VK6XRM: Australia, Main Island WLOTA:1520 QSL G3KOJ (d/b)
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U.S. COUNTY HUNTING - USA-CA

N8KIE - Robert - 3* - April 30 to May 19 - SSB and CW
North to Alaska .... Through MI UP to northern MN, ND freeways, and mid MT. 4 day trip thru Canada. 1st district 5/8 ... 4th dist 5/9 ... 3rd dist 5/10 ... 2nd dist 5/13 until I get a MP contact if it takes more than 1 day.. I will try CW in each district but not in the lower 48 on the way there (life's too short for cw when there are miles to put behind you) I may or may not post the route but it is subject to weather anyway. Good luck to all of you; Bob. Send email requests to n8kie at aol.com [County Hunter Web]

KW1DX - David - April 25 to April 27 - SSB Only
Family trip to Niagara Falls, then on to Pittsburgh. 20 & 40m SSB
Saturday: Depart around 10:30z - MA: Middlesex, Worchester, Hampden, Berkshire; NY: Columbia, Rennssalaer, Albany, Schenectady, Montgomery, (Maybe Fulton), Herkimer, Oneida, Madison, Onandaga, Cayuga, Seneca, (Maybe Wayne), Ontario, Monroe, (Maybe Livingston), Genesee, (Maybe Orleans), Erie, Niagara.
Monday - NY: Niagara, Erie, Cattaraugus, Chatauqua; PA: Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawerance, Butler, Beaver, Alleghany, Westmoreland. [County Hunter Web]

K2HVN - Bill - 2* - Sat. April 25 to Sat. April 25 - SSB and CW
Will operate 20cw/ssb, 30 and 40cw/ssb in the following counties: VT - Essex/Caledonia CL, Orleans, Lamoille, Washington, Caledonia. [County Hunter Web]
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SIX METERS & UP -

24/04-04/05 HB0/DF1SR: Liechtenstein 13cm/23cm EME Dish 3m/7m+Amp QSL DL2SBY (d/b)

25/04-30/04 ID9N: Vulcano Island EU-017 6M CW/SSB Grid:JM78LJ QSL IZ0GKN (d/b)

25/04-26/04 Nebraska QSO Party 6m-2m activity USB+FM

25/04-26/04 W7ZA: 53rd Birthday Event - Hoquiam, WA
FREQ:52.89OUT/51.19IN/100.0PL

27/04-02/04 F8DYR/P: Eckm?hl lighthouse 6M & 2M Grid:IN77TT QSL HC (d/b)

29/04-05/05 JD1BLK: Chichi-jima AS-031 6M CW/SSB + Satellite Grid:QL17 QSL JM1LJS (d/b)

29/04-05/05 JD1BLY: Chichi-jima AS-031 6M CW/SSB + Satellite Grid:QL17 QSL JI5RPT (d/b)

29/04-12/05 JD1BMH: Chichi-jima AS-031 6M CW/SSB + Satellite Grid:QL17 QSL JG7PSJ (d/b)

29/04-12/05 JD1BMT: Chichi-jima AS-031 6M CW/SSB + Satellite Grid:QL17 QSL JE4SMQ (d/b)

29/04-05/05 JI1LET/JD1: Chichi-jima AS-031 6M CW/SSB Grid:QL17 QSL HC (d/b)

29/04-03/05 ZW8BBC: Canarias Islands SA-072 6 & 2M SSB/FM Grid:GI97BF QSL PS8DX (d)

01/05-04/05 PT1R: Ilha Rasa SA-079 6M/2M SSB/CW/FM Grid:GG86KW 100W 6ele QSL PY1NB (d)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated April 11, 2009)
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QSL INFORMATION -

From: "Bill, W6WRT"
The VK9GMW team reports some of their log information has been lost. QSOs made between 4/9 2020 UTC and 4/10 0923 UTC are gone. They are working with the WriteLog people to see if it can be recovered, but in the meantime they ask that no QSLs be requested for that period. Let's hope everyone here worked them outside that time frame.
73, Bill W6WRT [K1XN & the Golist]

Beginning immediately, Buzz - NI5DX, is the QSL manager for Kahlid, A61BK. Kahlid has send his log file already. QSL cards will have to be ordered, so there will be a delay in replying to cards until the new cards arrive from the printer.
Phil, ex-9Q1TB, has just been issued the callsign A65BK. To avoid confusion, those requesting cards for either station should make certain they send their request to the proper QSL manager. [K1XN & the Golist]

IOTA VALIDATION and QSL status:
G3KMA has confirmed the validity of the 2008 9L0W DXpedition to AF-037 for the IOTA award. Karl,DK2WV, has already started sending out the QSLs. Roland,DJ4LK, writes that all QSOs until Nov 2 were made from the mainland of Sierra Leone. The team was QRV from Banana Island (AF-037) from Nov 3-10, 2008. Two different QSLs are used for confirmation. [F5NQL]

To All

Info from International Postal Union in Geneva -
"The current issue (Beijing 2) IRC may be exchanged up to 31 December 2009 (date printed on coupon). In principle, Beijing 2 coupons will no longer be sold from 31 August 2009.
The new international reply coupon (Nairobi model) is due to go on sale from 1 July 2009, and will be valid for exchange until 31 December 2013."
So make sure you aren't holding any of the Beijing 2 coupons at the end of this year.

Regards
Ken Holdom ZL4HU [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

- QSL VU7SJ: All VU7SJ QSLs which were not requested directly are sent via the bureau now. They have only some QSLs left to confirm SWL reports.

- QSL via DJ2VZ: DJ2VZ is living in a nursing home for several years now and is not able to fulfill his duties as a QSL manager anymore. His appartment has been closed and all logs were destroyed. Missing QSL cards cannot be confirmed anymore.

QSLs received Bureau - 3XM6JR (via UA6JR/3), 4K7Z-club, 4X0C, 4X0V, 5Z4/DL7UCX, 5Z4/UA4WHX, 7P8FC (via ON4CJK), 7Q7VB, 7U5CI [AF-104], 8Q7QR, 9A73AA, 9J2VB, 9K2HN, A25SL, A25VB, A43XXX, A45WG, BD7JLR,

BG7JLR, BT1OB, C4EURO, C6AKX, C91VB, C91VB/4 [AF-103], C91VB/6 [AF-088], CN8IG, CU2DX, CU3AA, CX1AA, D2NX, EN600Y (via US0YA), ER61V, EU5ROPE, EU940OR, EV7DP, EV9P, H44MS [OC-047] (via DL2GAC), HB0/DL4IAL (via hc), IF9A [EU-054], J48MDC [EU-067], J6/DL7AFS (via hc), PJ7/DL7DF (via hc), RI1OTA [EU-066] (via UA9XC), S79SG [AF-024], T77WI, TC85TC (via TA1HZ), UK8AJ, YI1DZ (via OM3JW)

QSLs received Direct - 3D2NB (via W7YAQ), CO8LY, CQ3T (via CT3KN), CX3CCC (via CX1CW), E70T (via Direct 3 GS), EL2DX (via K8SJP), ET3JA (via OK3AA), FK8CP (via QRZ.com), FM5LD (via Direct), FW5RE (via HA8IB), HV5PUL (via IW0BET), LY8O (via QRZ.com), MU0FAL (via QRZ.com), NP4A (via QRZ.com), T27A (via W7YAQ), T27OU (via N7OU), TF/G3SXW (hc Direct), TF3CW (via LX1NO), TJ3SL (via F5PSA), TN5SN (via IZ1BZV), UA2FCC (via QRZ.com), VK9AA (via DL8YR), VP2V/SP3IPB (hc Direct), VP8KF (via G3VPW), VU4AN/VU3RWP (via OE1ZKC), W3A (via W3DQ), YU1EXY (via YT1WW), Z36A (via Direct), ZF2AM (via K6AM)

QSLs received LoTW - 4M5R, 4M9YY, 4W6R, 5K0T, 5Z4BL, 6Y5/WE9, 6Y8XF, 8P9IR, 9A5ANR/p, 9A/VE3ZIK, 9G5CW, 9L1AB, V8AQM, VP5/K4IRI, VP5/N4PJ, WP2Z, XE1UN, XE3/DJ1TO, XU7AAV, YB3OX, YX0LIX, ZD7VJ, ZK2CW

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SILENT KEYS -

- Trevor Mcallister M3PNQ, of Northampton, U.K., passed away March 30, 2009.

- James Cordell Payne, W4JCP of Hudson, North Carolina, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2009 at the age of 65.

- Gordon G Ryan, W7FEO from Moses Lake, Washington, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the age of 65.

- Wellknown DXer Charly Hausemer, LX1AJ, put his keys away at the age of 89 years on April 7, 2009.

- Holger, DL1COP writes that Franz Brechtken, DL3PS/HB9EHQ passed away suddenly and unexpectedly after suffering a heart attack at the age of 45. Franz was a member of the DARC, USKA, HB9VC and HTC and made several DXpeditions in the past like LZ/DL3PS (Sofia), TF/DL3PS (Vestmanneyjar Island), TF/DL3PS (Grimsey Isl), ZS6/DL3PS (Vanderbijlpark), 4X/DL3PS (Ashkelon) and D44TXS (Cape Verde) during March of this year. Several friends of Franz will try to confirm all open QSL requests (especially the latest ones from the D4 DXpedition) with an appropriate remark.

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BITS & PIECES -

- The 22nd International Marconi Day (IMD) will take place on April 25. A list of all participating stations counting for the "IMD 2009 Award" can be found at: www.gb4imd.org.uk/awardstns2009.htm

- Several nice photos of the 7Z1SJ activity from AS-192 were uploaded to:
http://www.laselki.net/vb/showthread.php?t=3680

- Wellcome to guest operators from TA7KA
After two days of chatting with Huda, TA7OM he requested posting this info to QRZ.
Now TA7KA, Amateur Radio Club Station TRABZON-TURKEY, accepts guest operators for DXing and contesting. They have monobanders for 10-15 and

20 meters, and trying for 40 meters. Also have stable 1KW output...
www.ta7ka.com/ is their website. [Ozer, TA2RC; through F5NQL]

International Algerian Sahara Meeting (June 2009)

Under the governor of the state of Djelfa and the Director of Youth
and Sports sponsoring, the Algerian Radio Amateur Association (A.R.A.)
and Djelfa Radio Club (7X2VFK) will organize an International HAM eeting
from 15 to 21 June 2009.
Meeting from 15 to 21 June 2009.
A special callsign to be announced will be aired.
Those who want to attend this event can contact the General Secretary
of the (A.R.A) (benlagha72 at hotmail.com) or the President of Djelfa Radio
Club (bodil17000 at yahoo.fr), to get all information about transportation
(the site is 300 km far from Algiers), accomodation and more. QSL direct
via 7X2DD.
Tks 7X2VFK, Mohamed, 7X2DD and QRZ.com forums. [F5NQL]

This is a reminder that he 2009 edition of the Canada Day Contest is
will be held on July1, 2009. For more information please download the
pdf file with the rules at:

<http://www.rac.ca/service/contesting/files/2009%20Canada%20Day%20Rules%
20-%20English.pdf>

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Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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